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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Leslie LiDonnici

Examiner: David C. Comstock

Serial No.: 10/804,335

Group Art Unit: 3732

Filed: March 19, 2004

Dated: May 5, 2005

For: METHODS AND DEVICES FOR MINIMIZING THE LOSS OF BLOOD
THROUGH A SEVERED STERNUM DURING CARDIAC AND/OR
THORACIS SURGERY

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

[X] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 has been
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[] No additional fee is required.

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| INDEP. | 4 | MINUS 4 | = | X 100 \$ | X 200 \$ 0 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM | | | | X 180 \$ | X 360 \$ 0 |
| | | | | TOTAL | OR TOTAL \$ 25 |
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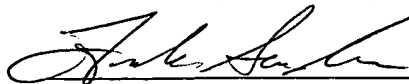
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Mail Stop Amendment
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P.O. Box 1450
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May 5, 2005

AMENDMENT "A"

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 9, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

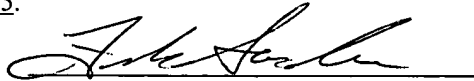
Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 10 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

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